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THE UNTHINKING FAULT-FINDING PUBLIC

The auto has come to stay until something better or at least faster, is discovered, and with it has come the jitney service. Along with the jitney has come a very serious situation for the street car companies. Their advent has caused a demand for better roads, and in the cities for paved streets everywhere.

The private auto takes one class of former street car patrons away from the roads and the jitneys, carrying a large number of all classes that once gave their nickels to the carlines, combine to reduce income to a minimum, while increasing costs for paving to the maximum, and the companies have to stand for the paving along their lines to a width of a foot or possibly two on each side of their tracks. With decreased income and ever increasing expenses as well as taxes, the outlook for the carlines is anything but cheerful.

Where they will get the money to make the improvements forced on them by paving is a serious problem and one that may be solved in many cases in the not very remote future by the abandoning of roads and surrender of franchises. This is a free country and the great American citizen can patronize cars or jitneys at his own sweet will, but he cannot force street car companies to operate lines indefinitely at a loss.

What would happen in, say such cities as Portland, if the car companies should quit and turn the transportation business over to the jitneys?

Would there not be an awful howl go up? And if owing to this some company should undertake to ameliorate conditions by operating the lines again, how long would it be before the traveling public forgot the recent paralyzed condition of local passenger service and went to patronizing the jitneys again?

When a railroad for which the commercial clubs and cities generally have been working for years to induce it to build to their city, finally arrives, there is a grand public blow out, with brass bands, banquets, banners and bunting. Then the good citizen goes home feeling he has done his entire duty. From that time on his main object in life apparently, is to discover something he can "damn the railroad" for. We never appreciate what is being done for us until those doing it finally get tired of our fault findings and quit. Then we damn them more and worse than ever for quitting and leaving us in the lurch. "Tis ever thus"—and probably will continue that way indefinitely.

The autoists are at least coming into their own, at least in San Francisco where Friday, an auto running twenty miles an hour ran head-on into a street car. Despite the fact the car was on the track and could not well dodge, while the auto was trying to pass it on the same track, the car conductor was arrested along with the motorman. The chauffeur preferred the charge, and he was not arrested.

If you have not already registered do so at once and avoid the rush. Remember this is positively the last time you will have this stunt to do, until you move out of your precinct or some fellow finds a reason why you should do it over again. Anyway it will prove a convenience to the clerks and probably save you some annoyance if you attend to it now.

Most of the criticisms being made in congress of the administration are for political effect alone. While posing as patriots those making charges of inefficiency on the part of the administration are conveying to the world an entirely false idea as to the feeling and conditions in this country.

Astoria at last has had justice done her. The Interstate Commerce Commission today decided her famous rate case, which sought to place her on an equality with Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, in her favor. Salem not only congratulates her plucky neighbor but rejoices with her.

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MAKING A CASE FOR THEIR ENEMIES

The Chinese tongs are making a mistake in starting a war at this time, just when the congressmen from California are taking steps to make the orientals here register and prevent others coming. The breaking out of a tong war, coast-wide in its extent, is furnishing some fine ammunition for shooting them with.

It is hard to make the East understand the way the West views the immigration of orientals, or the reason there is so much prejudice against them. The present war, if continued, will serve as an object lesson that will bode no good to the Chinese.

It will be seen from the way they attack each other and refuse to recognize the laws of the country in settling their affairs, choosing instead their own way, and that is the pioneer plan of being sure to shoot first, that they are a most undesirable element.

They all recognize their own law and obey it, one clause of which is never under any circumstances to give one another away to the whiteman's officials, and never to take their troubles into court.

They maintain a system of their own in defiance of the laws of the land, and shot almost to death, smilingly tell the authorities "it was an accident," making no charges against the guilty ones, though they know absolutely who it was shot them and what for.

In Seattle yesterday, unfortunately for them, they made a mistake by killing a Korean, taking him for another Chinaman. This they knew might cause them trouble and the result is that many of Seattle's leading Chinese have suddenly decamped. This shows how the whole community of them are aware of and "in" on the murders. It also shows that the Chinese in America are above and beyond its laws.

Some one has said very wisely that "things always average." This is illustrated in Portland where the burning of the Inman-Paulson mill one day is followed by the announcement that a shipyard is to be built and that contracts for two 8,800 ton steamships has already been let.

Sweden has invited the United States to join her in stopping England's unwarranted interference with neutral commerce. Uncle Sam is probably too busy to accept just now, but it might be well for the old gentleman to cut his other engagements and attend the party.

With three days of sunshine eggs dropped down to 25 cents a dozen. This shows the quick effect of a little sunshine on the Oregon biddies, and also that they are willing to get busy with slight encouragement.

"The only thing that can defeat the republican party is—the republican party," says the Medford Sun. Bosh! The only thing that ever defeats any party in this country is a lack of votes.



MY NEIGHBOR

I love my neighbor as myself, and wish him peace and pelf. Yet human nature's strong in me, and when I look across and see my neighbor rending clothes and hair, and sorer than a poisoned bear, because hard luck has swatted him a grievous jolt right in the glim, I do not feel one-half as bad as if that luck myself I had. In fact—it's painful to relate—I rather like to contemplate my neighbor when he's in despair, and biting chunks out of the air. But when he toddles to my place, I pull a sympathetic face, and tell him how my bosom bleeds, give him the solace that he needs, and send him homeward with a smile; you see, my heart is full of guile. It's just a common, garden heart, responding more to private smart, than to the painful stings and pricks which may afflict the other hicks. My trifling boil will gall me more than big carbuncles three or four which may adorn my neighbor's neck, and make his life a grewsome wreck. It is a sad thing to confess; and yet we're much alike, I guess.

AURORA HOP NOTES

Enfold Oregon stocks are estimated at 7500 bales, and Yakima at 4500. Something like 1200 bales are left in the Aurora section. It appears that coast stocks are being rapidly depleted on a strengthening market.

The P. S. Johnson Hop company bought nearly 350 bales Tuesday at St. Paul, St. Louis and Silverton at 10c. Lachmond is reported to have bought 1500 bales more of the association stock this week at 12 to 15c.

Henry L. Bents bought several lots the last week, among which were two lots from Dresher at Monitor, 9 bales at 8 cents and 28 bales at 11 cents, and 50 bales from George Gray at 12 cents. The latter lot is graded as one of the best in this section.

Felix Isaacson has purchased for the Wolf Hop company, the Tall & Kocher lot of 72 bales at 12 cents, and the Aaron Graham lot of 20 bales at 11 cents. The H. Eliason lot of 27 bales has been sold to the Seavey Hop company at 11 cents.

I. D. Hutchinson and Mr. Kenstall have rented the Gilbertson hop yard near Butteville, and have contracted 20,

000 pounds to the J. W. Servey Hop company at 11 cents—a one year contract.

Checking up January hop sales shows that nearly 30,000 bales were disposed of. It is believed approximately 40,000 bales remain unsold on the coast, which is regarded as a rather small quantity when it is considered that the new crop is less than 7 months from the bale.

Some well posted growers, owners of medium-sized yards, are rather skeptical concerning the reduction of acreage. They believe that 20 or 25 per cent reduction would mean a loss to the small growers. They point out that the hop grower who has a yard of from 6 to 15 acres usually has every foot of it in good condition, and needs it all to produce a profit, even at good prices. The big growers with 60, 80, or 100 or more acres can always find a few acres that do not produce heavily and which it would greatly benefit him to plow out. These small growers believe that average reduction movement if carried out will redound to the profit of the big growers only.—Aurora Observer.

A man who fell off an elephant in the New York zoo is bringing suit for damages. Has the colonel thought of that?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

MADAME POWELL TO APPEAR SOON

Famous Coloratura Singer Is Meeting With Ovations Everywhere

Rare indeed is the great artist who tours America for philanthropy's sake. Such, however, is the mission of Dr. Alma Webster Powell, the world famous coloratura singer, who will appear in concert in Salem on March 3 for the benefit of the Willamette University library fund.

Press reports are enthusiastic over Dr. Powell's work as a concert soloist and lecturer for her wonderful gifts are truly astonishing. In Eastern musical circles Dr. Powell is classed with Madames Frematal and Sembrich who are considered to be among the world's best singers. As Dr. Powell's work has been mainly in Europe, her name is not familiar to the West. That she feels called to use her wonderful gift of song for the benefit of a good cause rather than for herself is a remarkable tribute to her art in this age of commercialism.

Knows Dr. Hall Intimately.

Madame Powell and Professor Hall are great personal friends, both having studied together for the Doctor of Philosophy degree from Columbia University. It is directly through this friendship that Madame Powell became interested in Willamette's need of a larger and more representative library and offered to sing for its betterment.

Besides her singing, Dr. Powell gives lectures on the necessity of good music for the masses. While her social circle is essentially that of culture, Dr. Powell has done monumental work along philanthropic lines. Her pleasing personality, rich talents and great intellect attract and please all who are privileged to hear her.

Holders of Lyceum tickets are granted the privilege of hearing Madame Powell for half the regular price of admission. The opportunity of listening to a world famous artist and getting the entire net proceeds for Willamette's own library is a rare one and will undoubtedly pack the Grand Theatre when Madame Powell appears on March 3.—Collegian.

Spring Valley News

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Spring Valley, Or., Feb. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Henry were Salem shoppers, Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Scott are home from a month's visit with relatives in Washington having spent much of the time in the Sound country.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Catton and daughter returned to Salem Monday, after a few days visit here with his father, W. S. Catton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Holland were at Hopeville Saturday where they attended church.

R. A. Looney is convalescing from a severe attack of grippe, having been confined to his bed for several days.

Ray Nash has sold four young horses to Salem buyers, delivering them Monday.

The Baptist Missionary society met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. G. H. Crawford. After a short business session, an interesting program was presented consisting of music, recitations, and readings from "Ann of Arid." At the close of the afternoon delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. N. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford.

Mr. and Mrs. Dinitz, of Indiana, who are touring the west, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Taylor. They expect to continue their trip to California next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Roberts and children, of Saly Creek, arrived Monday for a visit with the parents of Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Patrick.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Cochrane has been quite ill for the past week.

Frank Wells and family, of Salem, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford.

A number of friends were invited Wednesday evening to the Taylor home, to meet Mr. and Mrs. Dinitz, and incidentally as a surprise for Mr. Taylor, whose birthday occurred recently. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and visiting. At a late hour, a delicious supper was served by the Misses Taylor.

DEATH OF K. A. LOE

K. A. Loe, one of Silverton's most prominent citizens, died suddenly at his home in this city at a little before noon Monday.

Mr. Loe was seventy-five years of age at the time of his death. He had been suffering from stomach trouble years ago when he lived in the east, but since coming to Oregon has been in very good health. Notwithstanding his advanced age his death came as a surprise to his family and many friends in this vicinity.

Monday morning Mr. Loe complained of not feeling well. His family suggested that he remain in bed and perhaps he would feel better, but he arose at about his usual hour. His condition grew immediately worse and death came within a few hours.

For years Mr. Loe has been interested in farming near Silverton. Recently he retired and moved to the city. He leaves a wife and family of children to mourn his loss.—Silverton Appeal.

HOVENDEN KRIOPSKY WEDDING

Thursday, February 10, Mr. E. C. Hovenden and Miss Alice Kriofsky, of Portland, were married at Vancouver. It was the purpose of the young people to keep the matter quiet for a while, but they changed their minds about as soon as they returned to Mr. Hovenden's home Tuesday for they were hard-

Feature No. 2. MOOSE LODGE ALL STAR VAUDEVILLE SHOW THURSDAY, MARCH 2 GRAND OPERA HOUSE



CARL REITTER.

The name Carl Reitter inspires in those connected with the theatrical profession a feeling of real envy when they are privileged to appear on the same bill with him. Mr. Reitter never fails to enthrall his audiences from the moment the curtain rises until the signal for its drop.

Mr. Reitter has installed about him the aroma of stardom because of his many years spent in its environments, both as a theatrical manager, and a performer.

Mr. Reitter is an artist in Hebrew character impersonations while he is before you giving his chatter, you can almost picture the New York Ghetto or the London East End. The stories he reproduces emulating from these often talked of surroundings, are indeed amusos.

Mr. Reitter is considered second to none at present in the profession in original impersonations of the Orthodox Hebrew.

Mr. Reitter will certainly amuse Salem's theatre goers, and lovers of vaudeville, and the Moose committee considers it indeed a privilege to be able to bring Mr. Reitter to Salem for this 2 night.

Mr. Reitter is at present the manager of the Orpheum Theatre at Portland, and you can believe the Moose committee when we say "He is some manager."

Feature No. 3 will appear here Monday.

ly home until they were receiving the congratulations of their friends. Tuesday evening a number of their friends from Hubbard and Woodburn called on them with the old-time serenade. The many friends of the happy couple wish them well.—Hubbard Enterprise.

KATHARENA WEDAMAN SCHUELE

Mrs. Katharena Wedaman Schuele died February 14, 1916, at the home of her brother-in-law, G. A. Schuele, two miles west of this city. The funeral services were held at the residence and the burial took place in the Aurora cemetery.

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